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TAGS: SCUL, BU

SUBJ: US PARTICIPATION IN OPERA COMPETITION

REF: STATE 099920

1. ONLY SEVEN OF FIFTEEN EXPECTED AMERICAN COMPETITORS  
APPEARED FOR COMPETITION. ALL BUT TWO, MARGARET CANNING  
AND MOLLY MELACHOURIS, WERE ELIMINATED IN THE FIRST ROUND.

2. BOTH MELACHOURIS AND CANNING WERE ELIMINATED IN SECOND  
ROUND.

3. CANNING FEELS ELIMINATION OF AMERICANS RESULTED FROM  
JURY' S BIAS. BULK OF JURY WAS  
INDEED DRAWN FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BUT BOTH DR. MARCEL  
PRAWI, AUSTRIAN BORN NATURALIZED AMCT, PROMINENT FIGURE ON  
VIENNA OPERA SCENE AND CLOSEST THING TO AMERICAN JURY MEMBER  
POST WAS ABLE TO HELP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ARNAGE, AS WELL AS  
FRG JURY MEMBER ERIK MASCHAT OF BAVARIAN RADIO INSIST THAT JUDGING  
WAS

ESSENTIALLY FAIR AND THAT REASON FOR EARLY ELIMINATION WAS  
GENERALLY POOR QUALITY OF AMERICAN CONTESTANTS.

4. ACCORDING TO DR. PRAWI ONLY DENICE JENSEN MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN JUDGED TOO HARSHLY. JENSEN WAS ELIMINATED IN FIRST  
ROUND BUT, HE SAYS, PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE MADE IT

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BEYOND THE SECOND ROUND IN ANY CASE.

5. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.  
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